

suddenly, a new series

MAR-  
CHAN!

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
MARTIN?



YES



YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
BE A  
MARTIN



IF ONLY I'D  
HAD A  
FEW MORE  
MINUTES...

REALITY...  
THIS IS THE  
WORST...

ALRIGHT,  
THAT'S UP  
PAGE YOUR  
TESTS UP TO  
THE FRONT!

MARI-  
CHAN!

TIME TO  
GO HOME...

REALLY?  
WILL YOU  
GO HOME  
WITH ME?

AH...  
NEAR  
ISHIGAKA  
...

HUH?

AH, COULD  
IT BE  
HANDSOMOM?

MARI-CHAN,  
DO YOU LIVE  
NEAR ISHIGAKA?  
KIDANGHITAT?

YOU'RE...  
COSMOS-KAN?  
DO WE LIVE  
IN THE SAME  
DIRECTION?

HUH?

LOOKING  
BACK ON  
IT...

OH,  
MARI-  
CHAN?

THESE ARE TAKING OPTIONS IN SAKURAGA...

NOTE: THE MAGICAL HARMONY AND HARMONY STATIONS ARE ALL IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS FROM "OUR DESTINY" TO OTHER STATIONS. BECAUSE THEY WOULD GO AND TAKE TO "OUR WORLD" WITH THEM. BECAUSE OF IT, WE LIVED IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS "OUR DESTINY".

EVEN THOUGH  
WE'D BEEN  
IN THE SAME  
CLASS FOR  
MORE THAN  
A SEMESTER...

THAT WAS  
THE FIRST  
TIME WE'D  
TALKED TO  
EACH  
OTHER.

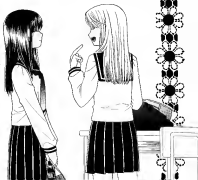
IT'S ALL  
GOOD!

BY THE WAY,  
CALL ME HAYOI!

# GIRL FRIENDS

CHAPTER 1

ガールフレnds









DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE THIRSTY?

THINKING ALWAYS MAKES ME HUNGRY.

KAY!



EH?

WHA?



EH?

THAT'S I GUESS SO...

WELL, SHALL I COME AND NUGGETS?

OHAY, MARI-CHAN?



WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO STRAIGHT HOME AFTER SCHOOL... WHAT IF A TEACHER SEES US...

IS THIS REALLY CRAZY?



AH!

HAVE YOU BEEN STRAIGHTENING YOUR HAIR YOURSELF?









WHERE DO  
YOU GO TO  
GET IT CUT?

WHY DON'T  
YOU DO  
ANYTHING  
WITH YOUR  
HAIR?

YOUR HAIR  
IS SO  
BEAUTIFUL...  
SO IT'S  
KIND OF  
WASTEFUL...



.....



I'LL  
GET IN  
TROUBLE  
IF I'M  
LATE...

I SHOULD  
LEAVE  
NOW...

HEY,  
WAIT!

.....

.....

I...  
JUST...

GO TO A  
BARBER  
NEAR MY  
HOUSE  
WITH MY  
MOM...

THAT'S  
ALL...



WE SHOULD  
GO TO A  
SALON  
TOGETHER  
SOMETIME!













WOULDN'T  
SHE  
RATHER  
SPEND  
HER  
DAY OFF  
WITH HIM  
INSTEAD?

SO SHE  
MUST  
HAVE A  
BOYFRIEND  
...

SHE'S  
POPULAR  
WITH  
GUYS...







HOW ABOUT YOU DECIDE...

WHAT KIND OF HAIRCUT YOU THINK WOULD SUIT ME?



I FELT I COULD TRUST HER...



WHAT? REALLY?

ALSO...



I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING.

SO JUST CUT MY HAIR. HOWEVER SHE TELLS YOU TO, OKAY?



TA-DA!

HOW IS IT?

BECAUSE I FELT WE WEREN'T SO DIFFERENT











*Amabara*

YOU GURE  
HAVE A  
LOT OF  
SECRETS!

HAH!

THANK  
YOU FOR  
COMING!

PANKY

YEAH.

BUT...

MAYBE IT  
WAS JUST  
BECAUSE  
OF MY  
SHORT  
HAIR...

BUT EACH  
OF MY  
STEPS FELT  
SO MUCH  
LIGHTER.



AM I'M  
THIRSTY!

SHOULD  
WE GO GET  
SOMETHING  
TO DRINK,  
MARI-CHAN?

OH, YOU  
HAVE ME  
FIGURED  
OUT  
ALREADY?

SINCE THAT'S  
YOUR PLAN  
JUST LIKE  
LAST TIME.

SHOULDN'T  
YOU SAY  
WE SHOULD  
BE GETTING  
SOMETHING  
TO EAT,  
TOOT?

LET'S GO TO  
MCDONALD'S!

MCDONALD'S?  
JUST AS  
EXPECTED...





ON SATURDAY, I WAS DEPRESSED FROM THINKING ABOUT EXAMS IN THE MORNING...



AND NOT BEING ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT.



BUT THAT MONDAY...



WITH A GENTLE  
BREEZE BLOWING  
BEHIND ME...

GO...

I WAS  
ABLE TO  
MAKE A  
NEW  
FRIEND.

GOOD MORNING,  
AFRO-CHAN!





OF COURSE NOT!  
THEY'RE WAY TOO  
HEAVY!

YOU MEAN  
YOU DON'T  
TAKE THEM  
ALL HOME,  
AKKO-CHAN?

WAIT, DON'T  
TELL ME  
YOU'RE TAKING  
ALL YOUR  
TEXTBOOKS  
HOME WITH  
YOU, MARI-  
CHAN...

HOW CAN  
YOU CARRY  
THEM ALL  
THE WAY?

MARI-CHAN!  
READY TO  
GO YET?

HUH?  
STILL  
PACKING  
UP?

WHAT'S  
THIS?



IT WOULD  
BE BAD  
IF IT GOT  
STRETCHED.

WELL,  
I DON'T  
WANT TO  
DAMAGE  
MY BAG.

OH HO, FROM  
WHAT I CAN  
SEE GUSH-GAN  
AND TAMARIN  
ARE LEAVING  
THEIR BOOKS  
AT SCHOOL  
TOO.

YEAH, AND  
MY BAG IS  
ALREADY  
FULL!



YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
BUS HER,  
AKKO...

THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
UNLESS AKKO,  
MARI-CHAN  
ACTUALLY  
STUDIES AT  
HOME!



SHALL WE  
DITCH THESE  
GUYS AND  
GET GOING?

THEY  
COULD  
BECOME  
NECESSARY  
AT ANY  
TIME!

TAMARIN  
SAYS IT'S JUST  
FULL OF  
MONEY.  
HEAVY TOO,  
BUT YOU  
NEED IT TO  
GO AWAY!

HOW  
ABOUT  
THE  
MONEY  
BAG?

WHAT  
IF I  
DON'T  
GO AWAY?

WHAT  
IF I  
DON'T  
GO AWAY?



# GIRL FRIENDS

ガールフレnds

TAKING A BREAK UNDER THE BLUE SKY...

THE FOUR  
OF US ARE  
FRIENDS!

隔月シリーズ連載!!

第2話  
CHAPTER 2

森永みるく

MONSTER KIDS

















DOES BENG  
TOLD THE  
SAME THING...

FILL ME  
WITH SO  
MUCH  
HAPPINESS  
...

WHEN  
IT COMES  
FROM A  
FRIEND?



SHE WANTS  
ME TO BRING  
THAT?



WH...  
WHAT?

S...  
SHE...



AA...  
A MESSAGE  
FROM  
AKKO-CHAN  
...

WHAT  
IS IT?











EH?

THE TRUTH IS...  
THAT ONE  
PHOTO IS  
THE ONLY  
ONE I HAVE.

YESTERDAY  
WAS ACTUALLY  
THE FIRST TIME  
I'VE USED A  
PHOTO BOOTH  
IN YEARS...

HUH?  
THE  
PHOTO  
BOOTH  
PHOTO?

THE  
PHOTO  
BOOTH  
PHOTO...

THE  
ONE I  
GAVE  
YOU...



THEREFORE,  
I HAVEN'T  
DONE  
ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT  
SINCE MY  
CHILDHOOD.

I...DON'T  
USUALLY  
DO THINGS  
LIKE PLAYING  
AROUND THE  
WAY YOU  
GUYS DO...

EVERYONE...  
MUST  
THINK I'M  
PATHETIC...

WHEN I WAS  
IN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL, I  
JUST WENT  
TO CRAM  
SCHOOL  
AFTER  
SCHOOL.

I'M  
JEALOUS...

IT'S  
NOT  
LIKE  
THAT  
AT  
ALL!

EH!?





EVERYONE  
WAS WEARING  
SO MUCH  
CUTE CLOTHING

EVERYONE  
WAS SO  
FASCINATED

I...DON'T  
KNOW VERY  
MUCH ABOUT  
FASHION...

**Abstract**

THESE  
AND MANY  
OTHER  
ITEMS

EVEN  
THOUGH  
AKIO-CHAN  
SAYS HER  
CLOTHING  
ARE JUST  
CASUAL...



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THAT I WANT  
TO CRY...



HUH?

WHAT TIME  
DOES YOUR  
FAMILY EAT  
DINNER?



REALLY?  
THEN YOU  
HAVE FREE  
TIME UNTIL  
THEN, RIGHT?

SH?

OH...  
AROUND  
EIGHT  
O'CLOCK,  
WHY?



COME IN,  
COME IN.

NO ONE  
ELSE IS  
HERE  
RIGHT  
NOW.

TH...  
THANKS  
FOR  
HAVING  
ME OVER...



COME IN,  
COME IN.

THIS IS  
MY ROOM.

JUST  
"A LITTLE",  
HUH?

OHAY...

IT'S A  
LITTLE MESSEY,  
BUT PLEASE  
IGNORE THAT!







I PUT  
THEM ON  
BUT...

IT'S...

BUT...  
ISN'T IT  
A LITTLE  
SHORT?

IT'S SO  
CUTE!!

WAIT  
THERE!  
I'LL GET  
YOU MORE  
CLOTHES  
TO TRY ON!

TRY  
THIS...

AND  
THIS...

YES,  
THIS ONE!



IT IS,  
RIGHT??

YES...  
IT'S  
CUTE...

THIS  
KNITTED  
ONE-PIECE  
IS MY  
FAVORITE!

HOW ABOUT  
THIS ONE?



SOMEHOW...

I FEEL LIKE I  
AM AKKO-CHAN





I DON'T HAVE  
ANY PINK  
CLOTHES.  
MAYBE I  
SHOULD BUY  
SOME...

ALSO,  
ONE-PIECE  
DRESSES, AND  
MINI-SKIRTS...

YEAH...

THE OTHER DAY,  
YOU WERE  
WEARING SOME  
PINK CLOTHES,  
RIGHT?



ALSO, SOME  
BOOTS LIKE  
AKKO-CHAN'S

...



BUY  
AKKO-CHAN...

...?

HOPEFULLY

ACTUALLY,  
I DON'T  
REALLY LIKE  
MINI-SKIRTS,  
BUT...

OKAY!  
I'LL DO  
MY BEST!







YOU'VE WAITED TWO MONTHS...(HAH!)

IMAGE CHANGE!  
BEFORE AND  
AFTER SHOWING  
BACK TO BACK!

CHAPTER 3

BUT WHICH  
ONE IS THE  
REAL ME?

「わたしも本当の私——」

「果たしては変わってしまったけど...  
「前と後の私。」

# GIRL FRIENDS

〜ガールフレnds〜

森永みるく



MARI-  
CHAN...

I'M...  
SORRY...



WHY IS  
BROO-CHAN  
APOLOGIZING?

WHY...



IS IT  
BECAUSE  
I ENDED  
UP IN  
THIS  
POSITION?

IS THAT  
WHAT  
SHE'S  
WORRIED  
ABOUT?

WOW...

BUT...

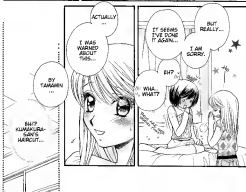


SUCH  
LONG  
EYELASHES  
...

SHE  
WAS...









IT'S TRUE  
THAT IT'S  
VERY CUTE,  
BUT...

IT SUITS HER  
PERFECTLY!  
AND IT'S SO  
CUTE!

DON'T  
I DO A  
GOOD  
JOB?

♪  
YEP!  
♪

THAT WAS  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU?



DON'T YOU  
THINK YOU  
WENT  
OVERBOARD?

AKKOT



TO NEVER  
BE ABLE  
TO GET THAT  
MUCH HAIR  
CUT OFF..

I DON'T  
KNOW...



KUMAKURI-  
SAN IS A  
POLITE AND  
GAY PERSON.  
SHE PROBABLY  
WOULDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING  
EVEN IF SHE  
HATED IT.



HURRY  
WHAT?

HARI-  
OCHI IS FINE  
WITH IT.



THAT MADE  
ME REALISE...

I WAS  
PUSHING  
MY OWN  
PERSONAL  
PREFERENCES  
ON YOU



AND NOW  
I'M DOING  
IT AGAIN  
TODAY...



THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE!

NOT  
TRUE  
AT  
ALL!

TH...









THERE ARE  
SO MANY  
CUTE  
WINTER  
CLOTHES  
AT THE  
TIME OF  
THE YEAR...

IT MAKES  
YOU WANT  
TO BUY  
SOMETHING...

IT'S SHOCKING  
TO THINK THAT  
WE'LL BE ABLE  
TO GET THIS  
STUFF AT HALF  
PRICE ONCE  
IT'S ON SALE...

MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
WAIT AND  
GET IT  
THEN...



YEP! WE'VE  
GOT TO  
CHECK OUT  
AS MANY  
STORES  
AS WE CAN  
TODAY!

KNOWING WHERE  
TO GO FIRST IS  
A MATTER OF  
LIFE OR DEATH!

I KNOW...

IT'S  
TIME  
TO  
GO!

ALL THERE'S  
SO MUCH CUTE  
CLOTHING!

LET'S  
TAKE A  
BREAK...

WHERE  
SHOULD  
WE GO  
NEXT,  
MAY?

HM...

ACTUALLY,  
I...

AM I  
ALSO...

SH?

...













PLUS, IF  
WE GO TO  
A LOT OF  
DIFFERENT  
STORES  
THEN...

I GET TO  
SEE TYPES  
OF CLOTHES  
I USUALLY  
DON'T GET  
TO...

BUT IT'S  
STILL FUN  
TO GET  
TOGETHER  
LIKE THIS  
EVERY ONCE  
IN A WHILE...



MAYBE  
MARI-CHAN  
WILL FIND  
SOME  
CLOTHES  
THAT SHE  
LIKES!



WAS  
DOING  
THIS  
FOR  
ME?

COULD  
IT BE THAT  
EVERYBODY  
...

I ALWAYS  
WANT TO  
TRY ON  
MY NEW  
CLOTHES...

HIBIKI  
WAG?!

WHenever  
I BUY NEW  
CLOTHES,  
I ALWAYS  
STAY UP  
UNTIL DAWN.

SO I HAVE A  
ONE-PERSON  
FASHION SHOW!

BY THE  
TIME I'M  
DONE, THERE  
ARE CLOTHES  
EVERYWHERE  
AND MY  
ROOM IS A  
MESS...

BUT...

AAAAA...



ISN'T GETTING  
TO WEAR CUTE  
CLOTHES...

OUR RIGHT  
AS GIRLS?

ONCE WE  
GET DRESSING  
UP, WE CAN  
TAKE A BUNCH  
OF PHOTO  
BOOTH PHOTOS  
AND SEND OUT  
CELLPHONE  
PICTURES!

ALSO, WE  
SHOULD GO  
TO LOTS OF  
DIFFERENT  
PLACES!



AH, MOM,  
WAIT...

CAN  
WE  
TALK?

IT'S KIND  
OF LATE,  
MIRKO...

I'M  
HOME!



GAIL...  
CAN I COME  
WITH YOU  
NEXT TIME?

AND  
CHOOSE  
THINGS  
MYSELF...



WHEN'S THE  
NEXT TIME  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO BUY  
CLOTHES  
FOR ME?

HMP  
WHAT  
IS IT?

HMP  
WELL...



Y...  
A YES...

WHAT KIND  
DID YOU  
BUY?

THAT...

ARE THOSE  
CLOTHES  
YOU BOUGHT  
YOURSELF?



THANKS,  
MOM!

YES!

IT'S BETTER  
FOR ME  
THAT WAY  
TOO...

WELL, WHAT  
IF I GAVE  
YOU MONEY  
TO BUY  
YOUR OWN  
CLOTHES  
BETTER







WHAT  
SHOULD I  
WEAR  
WITH IT,  
THOUGH...



YEAH!  
SUPER-CUTE!  
IT MATCHES  
WELL WITH  
DENIM!  
IT'S REALLY  
MARI-CHU'S  
STYLE!



YEAH, THIS  
IS THE ONE  
I LIKED THE  
MOST TODAY,  
I THINK...



WEARING  
A DENIM  
SHIRT WITH  
IT WOULD  
BE GOOD...

SO WOULD A  
TURTLENECK



I'LL WEAR  
A COAT  
OVER IT...



THAT  
MIGHT...



MOM WILL  
HAVE TO  
BUY ME  
NEW  
SHOES...

AND  
THEN...

YEAH...



I DREAMT  
I WAS IN  
A FASHION  
SHOW...

BUT MY  
JEANS  
SURELY  
ARE  
THE SAME  
AS WELL

die ho ho ho ho ho

I'VE BEEN  
WATCHING YOU  
FOR A WHILE

WELL  
THAT'S  
FINE



THAT'S  
GREAT

DO YOU  
HAVE ANY  
OTHER  
PLANS  
FOR  
THE  
FUTURE



WELL  
THAT'S  
FINE



DO DO  
DO DO  
DO DO





THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME  
IN MY LIFE  
I HAVEN'T  
HAD TO!

I...

DON'T HAVE  
TO WRITE  
MAKE-UP  
TESTS FOR  
ANY SUBJECT?



I DON'T  
SEE HOW  
YOU CAN  
BRAG  
ABOUT  
THESE...

ALMOST  
FEELING  
ISN'T  
SOMETHING  
YOU SHOULD  
BE PROUD  
TO CALL YOUR  
"TRUE  
ABILITY".

SH...?

EVER SINCE  
I WAS A  
KID, I KNEW  
I HAD WHAT  
IT TOOK.

I GUESS  
THIS IS  
MY TRUE  
ABILITY.



YEAH, THAT  
WOULD BE  
BETTER THAN  
HAVING TO  
WORK WITH MY  
TUTOR...

HOW COME  
ONLY ARAO  
GETS HELP?

I WANT  
MARION  
TO HELP ME  
ON TESTS  
TOO!

IT WAS  
FUN  
THOUGH...

HELPING HER  
STUDY EVEN  
TACKLES SHE'S  
LIKE THIS...

M...  
NO WAY!

WE JUST  
GOT BACK  
OUR FINALE,  
AND WINTER  
BREAK IS  
COMING UP  
SOON.

MARI-CHAN  
IS SO CUTE!

WINTER VACATION  
IS JUST AROUND  
THE CORNER!

MARI-CHAN  
IS MY TUTOR  
AND MINE  
ALONE!

THE LONG  
AWAITED  
WINTER  
VACATION  
HAS ARRIVED,  
BUT...

# GIRL FRIENDS

ガールフレnds

第4話

森永みるく





HER LEGS  
ARE SO  
PRETTY...

...



I REALLY  
HAVE A LOT  
OF PHOTO  
BOOTH  
PHOTOS  
NOW...



ぽんぽん



MY LEGS  
ARE...

PRETTY  
SHORT...

MY LEGS  
ARE FAT  
AND THEY  
STAND OUT  
...

ACTUALLY  
...

COMPARED  
TO APOO-  
CHAN...

I'M  
PRETTY  
FAT IN  
GENERAL  
...

MAYBE...

I...

GETTING  
FAT.

I'M...

REPORT CARD

**YEAH!!  
IT'S BECAUSE  
OF EATING  
FAST FOOD!!**

COMPARED TO  
THE WEIGHT  
ON YOUR  
REPORT CARD?

I GAINED  
TWO KILOS FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN A  
MONTH - AND...

LAST NIGHT  
I WORKED  
UP THE  
COURAGE TO  
WEIGH MYSELF  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN A  
MONTH - AND...

WTF?

WELL, IT'S  
OBVIOUS  
WHY YOU  
DID...

WAIT,  
WHAT?

WAIT, I'VE  
ALSO BEEN  
GOING TO  
MR. DONUT  
EVERY DAY...

THAT  
MEANS...

I'M A  
GROWING  
GIRL!

AND YOU  
ATE A LOT  
OF CANDY  
AND SWEETS  
WHILE  
STUDYING  
FOR THE  
TESTS.

AND GOING  
TO MR. DONUT  
OR MCDONALD'S  
EVERY DAY...

YEAH,  
GROWING  
SIDEWAYS!







IT'S NOT  
HEALTHY  
TO LOOK  
TOO MUCH  
WEIGHT!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
YOU'RE  
FINE THE  
WAY YOU  
ARE!

BUT YOU  
HAVEN'T  
GAINED  
WEIGHT,  
MARI-  
CHAN...

**EHI?**

MAYBE...

I SHOULD  
GO ON A  
DIET TOO  
...

COMING  
FROM  
THESE  
THREE,  
THAT  
DOESN'T  
MEAN  
MUCH...



IT'S...

NOT LIKE  
I THINK I'M  
OVERWEIGHT  
OR SOMETHING  
...



OHAYO

EHI  
WHERE?

AND I'VE  
BEEN  
THINKING  
I HAVE  
"PROBLEM  
AREAS".

BUT...  
I WANT TO  
BE ABLE  
TO WEAR  
CUTE  
CLOTHES  
...



YEAH!

AT  
DIETING!

IN THAT  
CASE, WE'LL  
DO OUR BEST  
TOGETHER!

OKAY!



TRYING  
TO IMPLY  
SOMETHING?

YOU  
GOING TO  
DO IT  
WITH THEM  
TOO,  
TAMAMU?



AFTER  
THAT...

IT WAS  
THE FIRST  
DAY OF  
BOTH WINTER  
BREAK AND  
OUR DIET.

AH!

HELLO?  
MOMO-CHIN?  
CAN WE  
TALK?

Weight loss goal  
for winter break

**3 kilos**

Right hand Akko!

12

	6	3
	1	2
9	8	9
4	15	16
1	23	23



GOOD  
THING WE DIDN'T GO  
THERE  
YESTERDAY.

AMAHHA,  
YEAH, I  
LOOKED.

HAVE YOU  
READ THE  
CALORIES  
DIRECTORY  
HE BOUGHT  
YESTERDAY?

THE MR.  
DONUT  
SECTION IS  
PRETTY  
BRUTAL...

IT MAKES  
ME WANT  
TO CRY...

WHO WOULD  
HAVE THOUGHT  
THAT A  
"CHOCOLATE  
" FASHION  
DONUT IS  
315 CALORIES...



THANKS FOR  
STOPPING ME,  
MARI-CHIN...

YEAH...



AHH...

LOOKING  
AT THE  
PICTURES  
IS MAKING  
ME CRAZY...

ALTHOUGH,  
A FRENCH  
CRUELLER  
IS ONLY 154  
CALORIES...

AND A  
PON DE  
RINGS IS  
ONLY 222...

ALTHOUGH,  
THINKING ABOUT  
IT, MAYBE I  
SHOULD HAVE  
HAD A DONUT  
WHILE I STILL  
HAD THE  
CHANCE...

SPECIALLY  
THE LIMITED-  
EDITION  
MR. NOEL  
DONUT...

I WANT  
TO GO RUN  
STUFF  
WITH YOU  
DURING  
WINTER  
BREAK,  
MARI-CHIN!

SHE?

EH?

IF SHE'S  
ALREADY  
LIKE THIS ON  
THE FIRST  
DAY, WILL  
SHE BE  
OKAY?

EH?



BUT SINCE  
HARD-CHIN  
IS DIETING  
WITH ME  
THIS TIME,  
I KNOW I'LL  
BE ABLE TO  
DO MY BEST!

WE SHOULD  
GO TO THE  
NEW YEAR'S  
SALES  
TOGETHER!

WHenever  
I've TRIED  
TO DIET  
BEFORE,  
I'VE ALWAYS  
FAILED...



I DON'T  
THINK WE  
SHOULD LOSE  
A LOT  
OF WEIGHT...

WE SHOULD  
LOSE A LOT  
OF WEIGHT...

AND  
TOTALLY  
SHOCK  
SLUG-DON  
AND  
TAMAMU!

IT'S  
STRANGE  
...

SHOULD  
DIETING  
BE THIS  
MUCH  
FUN?

I'VE BEEN  
LOOKING  
INTO SOME  
ATROCIOUS  
DIET...

THE ONLY  
EASY  
ONES ARE  
WALKING  
AND  
STEPPING...

YEAH...

AAAH!  
THOSE  
GOUND  
PRETTY  
DUMB.

I THOUGHT  
THE WINTER  
BREAK  
WOULD BE  
BORING,  
BUT...











A... AKKO-  
CHAN...

☑ Akkashon  
☑ Service ☺☺  
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?

HMP  
A PHOTO  
ATTACHED?



AKKO-CHAN!







PASSED-  
OUT...



THIS...

Ah...



Ah!



IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE WE LAST SAW ONE ANOTHER...  
...



THIS IS MY  
FIRST TIME  
GOING TO A  
SALE SO  
I SPENT  
BUY TOO  
MUCH...

THIS...

IT'S ONLY  
THE 3RD  
AND I'VE  
ALREADY  
SPENT  
HALF MY  
NEW YEARS  
MONEY...



I'M...  
TIRED OF  
THIS...

I...

SHIT



?

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?



IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME FOR  
SCHOOL  
TO START  
ANYWAYS.

MAYBE WE  
SHOULD  
THINK OF  
THESE  
CLOTHES  
AS AN  
EARLY  
REWARD  
FOR OUR  
DIETING



EVEN THOUGH  
I HAVEN'T  
EATEN SWEETS  
FOR SO LONG...

A  
BARRIER?

IT FEELS  
LIKE I'VE  
COME TO A  
BARRIER  
...

I HAVEN'T  
LOST ANY  
WEIGHT  
SINCE  
CHRISTMAS  
...



YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
COME WITH  
ME THOUGH,  
MARI-CHIN.

ACTUALLY,  
I'LL GO  
THERE  
WITH YOU  
TOO.

EH?



I PROBABLY  
WON'T BE ABLE  
TO LOSE ANY  
MORE WEIGHT  
BEFORE SCHOOL  
STARTS...

.....  
  
I THINK  
I'LL GO GET  
TEA AT  
MR. DONUT  
TODAY...



AND WE CAN  
SPLIT A  
FRENCH  
CRUELLER  
IN HALF  
BETWEEN  
US!

WE CAN  
EACH GET A  
CAFE AU LAIT



AND WE'VE  
BEEN  
WORKING  
SO HARD  
FOR THE  
PAST  
TWO WEEKS...

YEAH, IT'S  
PROBABLY  
BAD TO  
RESIST THE  
TEMPTATION  
TOO MUCH...

WE EACH  
HAVE  
HALF?



—



TODAY, I  
WANT TO  
TAKE A  
DAY OFF...



OH?  
WILL YOU  
BE OKAY?

ACTUALLY,  
I THINK  
I'LL JUST  
NOT GO.

SINCE  
I DON'T  
HAVE  
MUCH  
MONEY  
LEFT...



I WANT TO GET THE JOB

**FROM THIS DAY  
ON, MR. DONUT  
IS DEAD TO ME!**

H...  
HMM?

WE CAN GO  
BACK TO  
WORKING  
HARD,  
HARD-CHAN!

WELL,  
THANKS  
MARI!

THERE  
ARE  
NO  
STARS



EH?

I'M  
GLAD...

THAT I  
COULD  
BE  
FRIENDS  
...

WITH  
SOMEONE  
LIKE  
MARI...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
...

FELT THE  
SAME  
WAY...

I...

AW! I'M SO  
EMBARRASSED!

I  
COULDN'T  
SAY IT  
OUT  
LOUD...









WE'VE  
SEEN  
EACH  
OTHER  
NAKED,  
SO...

WHAT IF  
OTHER  
PEOPLE  
SAW?

SERVICE,  
SERVICE!

IT'S JUST  
FOR A FEW  
MORE HOURS.  
JUST CARRY  
YOUR BAG  
BEHIND YOU  
WHEN YOU  
WALK UP  
STAIRS.

YOU  
IDIOT!

AH...

DON'T  
SAY  
THAT!

I HAVE  
TO GO AND  
LENGTHEN  
MY SKIRT!

LITTLE BY  
LITTLE, I  
KEPT  
CHANGING...

IT SEEMS  
I GAINED  
WEIGHT  
DURING THE  
BREAK...

WHO  
ARE  
YOU?

SO BEGAN  
A NEW  
SCHOOL  
TERM.

THERE  
ARE  
MANY  
TEMP-  
TATIONS

THESE ARE THE FOUR MAIN CHARACTERS  
IN THE STORY



じやじやの爪の先を見るだけで笑顔になれてしまう...それが女子！

TRAIN  
APPROACHING  
PLATFORM 1.

PLEASE  
STAND  
BEHIND  
THE WHITE  
LINE.

ARRRGS  
LATE...

SHE HADNT  
REPLIED TO  
THE MAIL,  
I GENT HER  
OTHER...

♪

AKI HABARA

THE TRAIN  
WILL SOON  
BE DEPARTING.  
THE DOORS  
WILL NOW  
CLOSE.

I'LL BE LATE  
IF I DONT  
GET ON THIS  
TRAIN...

I'LL HAVE  
TO GO  
WITHOUT  
HER...

SH?

YEAH...  
SHE DIDN'T  
SHOW UP  
THIS  
MORNING...

SH?  
NO APOLO?

GOOD  
MORNING...

AM?

AKKO  
SAID SHE  
HAS A  
COLD  
TODAY...

HEY,  
MARI-CHAN.

ALL  
WELL...

THE MAIL  
BOY  
SAID SHE  
WAS WATCHING  
A DVD IN THE  
BATH AND LET  
THE WATER GET  
COLD...

SHE WAS  
FINE YESTERDAY.  
WHAT HAPPENED?

A COLD?  
THAT'S  
STRANGE...

I SHE  
OKAY?

AAAAHHH  
WHAT THE  
HELL?

WOW...  
WHAT DVD  
WAS IT?

.....

大人気アリガトウってことで3号連続掲載開始です!!

森永みるく

MILK MORINAGA

女子たちの日常と友情をカワイイ描くシリーズ連載!!

NORMALLY, SHE'D BE HAPPILY  
SHOWING OFF HER LEGS IN A  
MINISKIRT, BUT NOW THAT SHE'S  
CAUGHT A COLD...

NOTE: I'M PRETTY  
SURE THERE WAS  
SOME KIND OF PUN  
IN THE ABOVE PUN  
BEHAVIOR, BUT I  
COULDN'T FIGURE IT  
OUT.

第5話

GIRLFRIENDS  
ガールフレnds



SIT  
DOWN!

STAND!

DOWN!

I'M GOING  
TO BE  
BY MYSELF  
...

ALL DAY  
TODAY...

IS GOMASHI  
ABSENT  
TODAY?



YOU ONLY  
HAVE UNTIL  
NEXT WEEK  
TO SUBMIT  
THEM.

THE COURSE  
STREAM  
SELECTION  
FORMS FOR  
YOUR SECOND  
YEAR ARE DUE  
SOON.

OUR  
SCHOOL  
...

THAT...

THAT  
REMINDS  
ME...







THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
AKKO AND  
MARI-CHAN  
ARE HARDLY  
EVER  
ABSENT.

yay!  
Lunch!

THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME  
IT'S BEEN  
JUST THE  
THREE OF US  
HAVING LUNCH  
TOGETHER.

OUR  
SCHOOL IS  
AFFILIATED  
WITH A  
TWO-YEAR  
COLLEGE.

2ND YEAR  
STUDENTS  
GO INTO ONE  
OF TWO  
DIFFERENT  
COURSE  
STREAMS  
DEPENDING ON  
WHETHER OR  
NOT THEY  
INTEND TO  
GO TO IT.

YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO'S  
ALWAYS  
CHIPPING  
TAWAMM.

YEAH,  
IT IS...

...EH??

THAT'S  
TRUE,  
BUT...

THE THREE  
OF US AREN'T  
ALL GOING INTO  
THE SAME  
COURSE STREAM.

IT'S QUIET  
WHEN YOU  
AREN'T  
HERE TOO,  
TAWAMM.

IT'S A LOT  
QUIETER  
WHEN AKKO  
ISN'T HERE.  
ISN'T IT?

AWAAA...

AKKO  
SAYS  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.



BUT...

IT'S  
SURPRISING  
...

SO I'M  
GOING TO  
GO TO THE  
AFFILIATED  
COLLEGE.

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
HAVE TO  
TAKE  
ENTRANCE  
EXAMS...

SINCE THAT'S  
WHAT MY  
PARENTS  
DID...

I WANT TO  
GO TO A  
MIDNIGHT  
SCHOOL OR A  
VOCATIONAL  
SCHOOL...

Tamami Sekine  
Course Stream A:  
Affiliated College

Kitoko Sugiyama  
Course Stream B:  
External School

YEAH,  
BUT...

IT MEANS  
WE'LL BE IN A  
DIFFERENT  
CLASS THAN  
SUZU-SAN  
NEXT TERM.

Meriko Kumakura  
Course Stream A:  
Affiliated College

YEAH, BUT  
EVERYONE  
CHANGES.  
THERE'S A  
CHANCE WE'LL  
GET PUT  
BACK  
TOGETHER.

AH...

JUST  
BECAUSE  
WE'RE IN THE  
GAME COURSE  
STREAM DOESN'T  
MEAN WE'LL  
END UP IN THE  
GAME  
CLASS.

BUT  
HMM-HMM  
...

EVERYONE

DIDN'T  
SEEM TO BE  
WORRIED

YEAH,  
I THINK  
SO TOO!

SO I'M  
NOT  
REALLY  
WORRIED  
ABOUT IT.

I'M SURE  
WE'LL  
STILL BE  
FRIENDS  
EVEN IF  
WE'RE IN  
DIFFERENT  
CLASSES.

DIFFERENT  
CLASSES,  
HMM?

BUT

IT WAS  
SO HARD

BUT ISN'T  
COURSE  
STREAM 8  
A LOT OF  
WORK?

I WOULDN'T  
TAKE IT EVEN  
IF YOU ASKED  
ME TO!

I'D NEVER  
ASK SOMEONE  
WITH GRADES  
LIKE YOURS  
OR AKKO'S  
TO TAKE  
COURSE  
STREAM 8

AAAAH!

WAA...

TO BECOME  
FRIENDS  
WITH  
EVERYONE.

EVEN I  
CAN'T BE  
COMPARED  
TO SOMEONE  
LIKE AKKO!

I'M SORRY I HAD  
TO SAY THAT TO YOU







IS IT  
REALLY  
POSSIBLE?

AKKO...

ARE WE  
REALLY...

I WONDER  
IF SHE'S  
OKAY...

BEST  
FRIEND?



INSTEAD  
OF BEING  
EMBARRASSED  
...

I SHOULD  
JUST ASK  
AKKO-CHAN  
ABOUT IT  
TOMORROW.



AND I  
WONDER  
IF WE'RE  
REALLY...

BEST  
FRIENDS



ACTUALLY,  
I'M FEELING  
A LOT BETTER  
TODAY.

AH...

ACHOO!

EH?



YEAH,  
AAAAAA!

WAIT,  
DID YOU...

FORGET  
ALL ABOUT  
THE COURSE  
STREAM  
SELECTION?



SUSH-SAN  
WANTING  
TO GO TO  
AN EXTERNAL  
SCHOOL  
DOESN'T  
SURPRISE  
ME AT ALL!

TO TELL THE  
TRUTH, I  
EXPECTED  
THAT SHE  
WOULD HAVE  
FORGOTTEN  
ABOUT IT...

AND I CAN'T  
FIND THE  
PRINT-OUT  
HE GOT...

I DIDN'T  
TALK TO MY  
PARENTS  
ABOUT IT...

SURPRISINGLY,  
SHE ACTUALLY  
GETS PRETTY  
GOOD GRADES.



I'M GLAD  
THAT MEANS  
WE'LL BE  
TOGETHER  
IN OUR  
SECOND YEAR!



Y...  
YEAR...

THAT'S  
MY PLAN

WHAT ABOUT  
YOU, MARY?  
ARE YOU  
GOING INTO  
STREAM A?

AH...



AH...  
THAT'S  
RIGHT...

I FORGOT  
THAT CLASSES  
STILL CHANGE.

I'M GLAD,  
I'M GOING  
INTO STREAM  
A TOO!

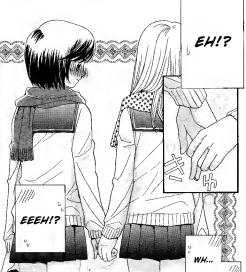
AH... BUT  
JUST BEING  
IN THE SAME  
STREAM  
DOESN'T MEAN  
WE'LL BE IN  
THE SAME  
CLASS.



BUT, I'M  
GLAD WE'RE  
TAKING THE  
SAME COURSE  
STREAM.

BY THE  
WAY...











CUTICLEST?

ALL YOUR  
CUTICLES  
ARE...



HEY, IS  
YOUR COLD  
BETTER?

OH HEY,  
SUCH-SAY?

Good  
night!



THIS AREA  
HERE WHERE  
YOUR NAILS  
MEET YOUR  
FINGERS.

YOU HAVE  
TO MAKE  
SURE TO  
KEEP THEM  
CLEAN...

OTHERWISE,  
YOUR NAILS  
WON'T BE  
HEALTHY  
AND LOOK  
PRETTY?

I WONDER

END





WHAT DO  
YOU THINK,  
MARI?

HEY,  
HEY.

CAN'T WE  
CLEAN  
OUR  
CLOTHES  
WITH  
THIS?

THE  
TRUTH  
IS...



IF WE'RE  
IN DIFFERENT  
CLASSES...



I'M JUST  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
WHICH  
COLOR  
I SHOULD  
BUY..

NOTHING.

ARE

MARI?  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?

THEN...

WILL WE  
STILL GO  
HOME  
TOGETHER?

AH! I  
REMEMBER  
READING  
ABOUT THAT IN  
A MAGAZINE!

IF WE  
END UP IN  
DIFFERENT  
CLASSES...

AH! LOOK  
HOW CUTE  
THIS ONE  
IS!

I SHOULD  
BUY IT AND  
TRY TO DO  
SYRUP NAILS!

IT MAKES  
YOUR NAILS  
LOOK LIKE  
SHAVED ICE!

WELL  
WE...

STILL BE  
FRIENDS?

YOU WORK  
SLOWLY,  
ADDING MORE  
LAYERS...

MAKING  
SURE YOU  
LET IT  
DRY BETWEEN  
EACH LAYER.

YOU TAKE  
A TRANSPARENT  
NAIL POLISH  
COLOR...

AND START  
PAINTING  
AT THE  
TOP.





I'LL SHOW  
IT TO AKAO  
TOMORROW.

IT'S  
BETTER  
TAKE A  
PICTURE.



IT REALLY  
DOES LOOK  
LIKE SYRUP.

SO  
PRETTY...

FINISHED!



EVEN IF WE  
END UP IN  
DIFFERENT  
CLASSES...

SHE'LL ALWAYS  
BE THE FIRST  
PERSON I  
SHOW THINGS  
LIKE THIS TO.



MOM?  
ARE YOU  
HOME?

ママ  
帰る?







AMH...  
THAT THING  
YOU HAVE  
TO DECIDE  
ON FOR  
SCHOOL...

DID YOU  
GET THE  
E-MAIL. I  
SEND YOU  
ABOUT THE  
COURSE  
STREAM  
SELECTION?

AMH...

WHAT IS  
IT, AMKO?

IT'S FINE  
FOR YOU  
TO PICK  
WHICHEVER  
ONE YOU  
WANT.

YEAH.



AMH...

SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.

GEE...  
I'VE ALREADY  
DECIDED ON  
ONE.

I WOULD  
HAVE TOLD  
YOU IF YOU'D  
REPLIED TO  
MY E-MAIL...



NEXT TIME  
THAT HAPPENS  
MAKE SURE  
TO SEND ME  
AN E-MAIL  
ABOUT IT.

BY THE  
WAY, DID  
YOU STAY  
HOME FROM  
SCHOOL SICK  
YESTERDAY?

YEAH.

YESSSS...

E-MAIL ME  
IF ANYTHING  
ELSE HAPPENS  
TOO.

YES...

BUT...

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BY NOW,  
SHE'S  
PROBABLY  
ASLEEP...

I'M GOING  
TO SEND MARI  
AN E-MAIL.

SHEET

AND I'M  
GOING TO  
SEE HER  
TOMORROW  
ANYWAYS...

YEAH,  
IT'S  
O.KAY.

I'M GOING  
TO SEE HER  
TOMORROW,  
AND THE  
DAY AFTER  
TOMORROW...

SO WE'LL  
MEET  
AGAIN.

AND EVERY  
DAY AFTER  
THAT.

## YARN RICH

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO  
FILL  
MY LUGGAGE





## GIRL FRIENDS



MAEDY'S THE  
ONE WHO  
ALWAYS  
CALLED YOU  
STUPID, RIGHT  
TAMAZOU

I GOT  
MAEDA.

SUDDENLY,  
I'M STARTING  
TO REGRET  
PICKING  
STREAM 8...

THE FOUR  
OF US WILL  
NO LONGER  
BE IN THE GAME  
CLASSROOM.

STUCK WITH  
TAMAZOU  
AGAIN...

TODAY WAS  
OUR LAST DAY  
TOGETHER.

IT WILL  
BE OKAY.  
OURS ARE  
TOGETHER.

YESTERDAY  
...

I WAS A  
LITTLE BIT  
NERVOUS  
...

BECAUSE  
I KNEW  
WE MIGHT  
END UP IN  
DIFFERENT  
CLASSES...

YOUR  
HOMEROOM  
TEACHER  
IS NARU-CHAN,  
RIGHT?

AKKO,  
WHAT CLASS  
ARE YOU IN?

BY TOMORROW,  
I'LL PROBABLY  
HAVE ALREADY  
FORGOTTEN  
WHERE MY  
NEW SHOE  
LOCKER IS!

WE'RE IN  
CLASS 1?

# GIRL FRIENDS

## ガールフレnds CHAPTER 6

MAYBE SAYING  
THAT IS GOING  
JUST A LITTLE  
TOO FAR...

BUT I'M  
LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
TOMORROW!

WELL...

IT'S FINE.  
YOU TWO CAN  
COME VISIT US  
IN CLASS 1  
WHenever  
YOU WANT.

YOU TWO  
ARE SO  
LUCKY  
TO BE IN  
THE SAME  
CLASS  
TOGETHER  
...

UGH...  
I'M STUCK  
WITH TAMAZOU  
UNTIL I  
GRADUATE ..

新学年・新学期・新クラス...  
期待がいっぱい不安もいっぱい!?

森永みるく

MILK MORINAGA









ACTUALLY,  
IT'S MARIKO,  
AND IT'S...

AH...

WHAT  
KANJI IS  
IT WRITTEN  
WITH?

IS YOUR  
NAME MARI  
KUMAKURA-SAN?

SO IT'S  
OKAY FOR  
ME TO  
CALL YOU  
MARI,  
RIGHT?

MARIKO?

EH?



THAT'S  
FINE...

YEAH...



MARI-CHIN  
SUITS HER  
PERFECTLY!

WHAHA!

IT'S SO  
CUTE!

MARI-CHIN?

AH...  
YEAH...

EVERYONE  
IN OUR CLASS  
FROM LAST  
TERM CALLED  
HER MARI-CHIN,  
RIGHT?

AH,  
BUT...







ARE REALLY  
DIFFERENT  
FROM GUD-GUN  
AND TAMAMU  
...

BUT  
EVERYONE IS  
ENERGETIC AND  
INTERESTING  
...

EVERY  
DAY...



IT'S A  
FUN DAY  
...



HEY,  
AKKO!

MARI-  
CHIN!















NOT ONLY THAT, BUT SHE WAS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW CUTE YOU ARE!

BUT SHE WAS WORRIED YOU LIKED BEING ALONE AND WE'D JUST BE BOTHERING YOU.

SHE SAW THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS EATING YOUR BENTO BY YOURSELF.



I JUST REALIZED...

REALLY, SHE'S JUST LIKE A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOY!

That's all right

Gak



I THINK SO TOO!

YEAH!

BTW

IT'S GREAT THAT YOU MADE FRIENDS QUICKLY THIS TIME!

BUT, I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE DOING WELL...

BACK  
THEM...

DURING  
LUNCH...

NOBODY  
TALKED TO  
ME OR  
SEEMED TO  
NOTICE ME...

BACK  
THEM...

I USED TO  
READ A LOT  
OF BOOKS...

AKKO WAS  
WITH THE  
BEST OF  
HER GROUP  
...

AND I HAD  
NO IDEA  
WHAT KIND  
OF THINGS  
THEY WERE  
TALKING  
ABOUT...

BUT...

I WAS  
JEALOUS  
OF THEM...

AND WE  
HAD LOTS  
OF FUN  
TOGETHER.  
...

THEN AKKO  
AND I  
BECAME  
FRIENDS...

AND I  
GOT MY  
HAIR CUT.



NOW  
I KNOW...

WHY HEARING  
THE OTHER  
GIRLS CALL  
HER ANKO...

AND WHY  
I WAS PUT  
OFF BY  
URARA  
SAYING  
"SO IT'S  
OKAY FOR  
ME TO CALL  
YOU ANKO"

BOTHERS  
ME SO  
MUCH...

SOMEBODY  
...

I KNOW  
...



IT'S  
BECAUSE...

ANKO IS  
THE ONLY  
ONE WHO  
CALLED ME  
BACK...



ALL TO  
MYSELF...

I WANT  
ANKO...

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
...



I SHOULDN'T  
BE THINKING  
LIKE THIS...

I'M SO  
LUCKY  
TO BE  
IN THE  
SAME  
CLASS AS  
AKKO...

I NEVER  
REALIZED I  
WAS SO  
SELFISH...

THAT'S WHAT  
SUGI-SUN AND  
TAMAMU  
SAID...

HOW LONG  
TWO PEOPLE  
HAVE KNOWN  
EACH OTHER  
ISN'T REALLY  
IMPORTANT  
...

SO  
CHILDISH  
...

I'M  
BEMO  
...

I'M SO  
LUCKY...

I GOT TO  
MEET AKKO  
AND CHANGE  
INTO THE  
PERSON I  
AM TODAY...

I HAVE  
TO BEHAVE  
MATURELY...

I HAVE  
TO...

AROUND  
OUR NEW  
FRIENDS...

**BE AN  
ADULT!**



GOOD MORNING!

GOOD MORNING  
AKKO, MARI-CUN!

HUH?  
DO WE?

YEAH  
WE DO.

HEY,  
HEY.

HAVE WE  
GOT A  
CLASSICAL  
LITERATURE  
CLASS  
TODAY?



EH?  
ALL OF  
THEM?

ACTUALLY,  
WHO LEAVES  
ALL HER  
TEXTBOOKS  
AT SCHOOL.

SO SHE  
DIDN'T  
EVEN NEED  
TO READ THE  
SCHEDULE.

WHAT  
THE  
HELL IS  
THAT?!



HAHAHA!  
NO WAY!

GAH!  
I WAS THINKING  
I WAS STILL  
USING MY FIRST  
YEAR SCHEDULE  
AND BROUGHT  
THE WRONG  
TEXTBOOKS!



AKKO!  
HOW CAN  
YOU LAUGH  
AT ME WHEN  
YOU'RE  
EVEN  
WORSE!?

Aburabura





I KNOW THAT  
KIND OF FEELING.

IN REALITY,  
YOU JUST  
WANTED TO  
BE ABLE TO  
CELEBRATE  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY, RIGHT?

SOMEHOW,  
THE STORY  
SEEMS  
SUSPICIOUS

SO WE  
EXCHANGED  
CHOCOLATES  
WITH EACH  
OTHER TO  
SHOW HER  
HOW VALENTINE'S  
DAY IS REALLY  
SUPPOSED TO  
WORK.

BUT SHE  
THOUGHT THAT  
AIE WAS  
SUPPOSED TO  
GIVE HER A  
PRESENT ON  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY.

SEE, I  
HAVE THIS  
FRIEND  
WHO HAS A  
BOYFRIEND.

I DIDN'T  
KNOW...

FROM  
THE  
BEGINNING

I ALWAYS  
THOUGHT  
THAT ARIKO  
HAD A  
BOYFRIEND  
ALL ALONG

THE TRUTH  
IS...

THERE WERE  
MANY TIMES  
I WANTED  
TO ASK HER  
ABOUT IT...

IT'S  
SURPRISING  
THAT ARIKO  
DOESN'T  
HAVE A  
BOYFRIEND  
THOUGH,  
RIGHT?

RIGHT?

I WANTED  
TO ASK HER  
IF THERE  
WAS SOMEONE  
SHE LIKED...

SO...

BUT THE  
TOPIC  
NEVER  
CAME  
UP...

ASK IF  
SHE HAD A  
BOYFRIEND...



WERE-GIRL,  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE ONE  
EITHER,  
RIGHT?

IT'S LUCKY  
FOR ME  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE ONE,  
THOUGH.

ANYWAYS,  
LET'S  
GET OFF  
THIS  
SUBJECT.

IT  
FEELS  
LIKE I'M  
BEING  
MADE  
RUN OF.

EH? YEAH,  
I DON'T.

BUT...

THERE'S GONNA  
BE A MIXER  
THIS SATURDAY.

YOU GUYS  
ABOUT SUSHI  
THEN ARE  
YOU?

IT'S SOME  
GUYS FROM  
TASHIRO'S  
WORK.

WHAT  
KIND OF  
GUYS ARE  
COMING?

BUT FOR  
SOME  
REASON  
...

PLEASE  
COME.

A MIXER?

WELL, IT'S  
TRUE THAT  
I HAVE  
NOTHING  
PLANNED ON  
SATURDAY.

WE NEED  
MORE  
CUTE GIRLS  
SO THE  
NUMBERS  
WILL BE  
EQUAL.

I NEVER  
ASKED  
HER  
ABOUT IT.



ARI-CHIN,  
YOU'LL  
COME...

RIGHT?

COME ON!

YOU'D REALLY  
BE HELPING  
ME-OUT?

I HAVE  
TO...

BE  
SURE...

OKAY...

I'LL GO.

TO THE  
MIXER.

PREVIEW HER  
FIRST TIME  
GOING TO A  
MIXER'S  
COLLECTING  
LEADS TO A  
MAJOR  
CRISIS!

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# GIRL FRIENDS

とガールフレンド  
CHAPTER 7

親友と一緒になら  
ちよつとの背伸びも  
怖くない!!

THE TWO FRIENDS  
WAS ABOUT TO  
GREET EACH OTHER

森永みるく

MILK MOREMAIDA



HM?  
HARUKO?  
YOU'RE GETTING  
DRESSED UP?

ARE YOU  
GOING OUT?

WELL,  
DON'T STAY  
OUT TOO  
LATE.

I  
SEE...

YEAH.

I'M GOING  
NOW, BYE!

W...WAIT...  
HARUKO, YOU  
AREN'T GOING  
OUT TO MEET  
A BOYFRIEND,  
ARE YOU?

EH?

NO...  
I'M JUST  
GOING OUT  
WITH SOME  
FRIENDS  
FROM MY  
CLASS.

D...DAD  
BELIEVES  
IN YOU,  
HARUKO...



TODAY IS THE  
DAY I GO TO  
A MIXER FOR  
THE FIRST  
TIME...





ONE PIECE  
DRESSES  
REALLY SUIT  
ME! THE  
BEST.

BUT...

IT'S REALLY  
CUTE.

I DID IT  
BECAUSE  
...

I WANTED TO HEAR  
SOMEONE SAY  
THAT...



IT LOOKS  
GOOD ON  
YOU.

THANKS.



IT'S  
BECAUSE OUR  
OLD FRIENDS  
ALL GOT  
BOYFRIENDS.

OH?  
WHY?

IT'S  
BECAUSE IT'S  
SO HARD TO  
GET OUR OLD  
GROUP  
TOGETHER.

IT'S BEEN  
A LONG TIME  
SINCE WE  
LAST HAD A  
MEET.

ISN'T THAT  
A CHILDISH OF  
ME, THOUGH?





IF AKKO  
GOT A  
BOYFRIEND

IF AKKO  
GETS A  
BOYFRIEND  
AT THE  
MOSK  
TODAY...

THEN...

WILL HE  
BECOME  
HER TOP  
PRIORITY?

AKKO IS  
THE KIND  
OF GIRL  
GUYS  
LIKE...

SO FOR  
SURE SHE'LL  
GET ONE.

SUSH-SAN  
AND  
TAMAHIN  
USED TO  
BE SUCH  
CLOSE  
FRIENDS...

BUT AFTER  
THE CLASS  
CHANGE THEY  
STARTED TO  
DRIFT APART

OR  
WORSE

IF AKKO  
AND I WERE  
TO END UP  
IN DIFFERENT  
CLASSES...

PLEASE



EH?

GEEZ,  
WHAT DID  
I TELL  
YOU?

YET YOU STILL  
CAME EVEN  
THOUGH YOUR  
STOMACH ACHES  
WAS SO BAD  
IT CAUSED YOU  
TO CRY!

ANYWAYS, I'LL TAKE  
HER BACK  
HOME...

ACTUALLY...  
I...

EH...

SEEM?  
REALLY?  
IS THAT  
HEROIC  
OR STUPID?

SORRY, SHE DIDN'T  
WANT TO CANCEL ON  
YOU GUYS AT THE  
LAST MINUTE. EVEN  
THOUGH SHE HAD  
A STOMACH ACHES,  
SO SHE FORCED  
HERSELF TO COME  
TODAY.

YEAH I  
GUESS THAT'S  
WHAT YOU  
HAVE TO DO...  
BUT WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
MISERY?

NOW WE'LL  
BE TWO  
GIRLS  
SHORT!

NOW  
WE'LL BE  
ABLE  
TO DRINK?

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT♡

AH!



AND HARI  
ISN'T THE TYPE  
OF PERSON  
TO LIKE GOING  
TO THINGS  
LIKE MESSRS  
AND BARS,  
RIGHT?

WHAT  
ARIKI IS  
SAYING  
IS MOSTLY  
TRUE...

Y...  
YEAH...

BUT SHE  
DOESN'T  
KNOW  
THE REAL  
REASON...

Y...  
YEAH...

THAT I  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO GO...

SO YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
BE AFRAID  
TO TURN  
STUFF LIKE  
THIS  
DOWN.

IT'S  
GOOD  
TO DO  
STUFF  
WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS...

BUT IF THEY  
REALLY WANT  
TO BE YOUR  
FRIENDS,  
THEY WON'T  
CARE IF YOU  
DON'T WANT  
TO DO  
SOMETHING.

EVEN IF YOU  
SAID YOU DIDN'T  
WANT TO, I  
STILL WOULD  
HAVE WANTED  
TO BE FRIENDS  
WITH YOU.

LIKE WHEN  
I ASKED  
YOU TO GO  
WITH ME  
TO GET YOUR  
HAIR DONE...

PLUS...

I GOT  
SOME GUYS  
GIRLS TO  
TAKE OUR  
PLACE.

BESIDES,  
TASUKE  
AND HER FRIEND  
DON'T SEEM LIKE  
THE KIND OF  
GIRLS WHO WOULD  
HOLD SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS AGAINST  
US, SO IT WILL  
PROBABLY BE  
OKAY.

O...  
OKAY...



I'M SAYING,  
PLEASE TREAT  
ME KINDLY.

PLEASUED  
TO MEET  
YOU

I'M TAHAMI,  
BUT YOU CAN  
CALL ME  
TAHAMI

Karaoke Lounge:



THESE  
GIRLS ARE  
GOING TO  
STEAL ALL  
THE GUYS

HOW ABOUT  
I SING AN  
ANIME SONG?

WAIT  
-MOMENT?

I'M STILL  
LOOKING  
FOR A  
MAN  
BOYFRIEND

NO PROBLEM!  
I'M ALWAYS  
WILLING TO  
GO TO A  
MIXER!

REALLY,  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH



DON'T YOU  
THINK THIS  
IS FOR THE  
BEST?

HELLO...  
BUT...

IT MUST  
BE HARD  
ON THEM  
TO HAVE  
YOU CALL  
AT THE  
LAST MINUTE

WAIT?



SO SHOULDN'T  
WE HELP THEM  
REMAIN  
FRIENDS?

THEY'RE IN  
DIFFERENT  
CLASSES  
NOW...

WELL...  
TAKAHASHI  
AND  
SUGI-SAN  
...



YEAH!

AKAO...



IT GOING  
TO END UP  
COSTING  
THE GUYS  
A LOT OF  
MONEY.

HOWEVER,  
SUGI-SAN  
CAN DRINK AN  
IMPOSSIBLE  
AMOUNT OF  
ALCOHOL...

SHE  
KNEW  
...







AH, IT'S OKAY.  
SHE'S ON A  
BUSINESS  
TRIP SO SHE  
WON'T BE  
BACK UNTIL  
THE DAY  
AFTER  
TOMORROW.

BUT...  
WOULDN'T YOU  
GET IN TROUBLE  
WHEN YOUR  
MOM GETS  
BACK HOME?  
I DON'T THINK  
HE SHOULD DO  
THIS...

MY MOM  
LIKES TO  
DRINK.

SO THERE'S  
ALWAYS A  
BUNCH OF  
DIFFERENT  
STUFF HERE.

YOUR  
FATHER  
TOOT?

AH...  
I DON'T  
HAVE ONE.

JUST ME  
AND MY MOM  
LIVE HERE.

THIS TASTES  
REALLY GOOD  
IF YOU MIX  
IT WITH MILK!

"KARILLA  
MILK,"  
HAVE YOU  
HEARD  
OF IT?

AH!

ALRIGHT!



THERE'S  
SO MANY  
THINGS  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
AKIO...

I DIDN'T  
KNOW AKIO  
DIDN'T  
HAVE A  
BOYFRIEND  
...

I DIDN'T  
KNOW SHE  
DIDN'T  
HAVE A  
FATHER...



YEAH...



SO MANY  
THINGS...

PAI!

KAN...



R...  
RIGHT...

AREN'T YOU  
GOING TO  
DRINK IT?  
IT'S REALLY  
GOOD

I'M AFRAID  
TO DRINK  
ALCOHOL  
BUT...

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?



I'M OKAY WITH  
THIS THOUGH.  
IT JUST TASTES  
LIKE COFFEE  
WITH MILK.

I ACTUALLY  
HAVE A LOW  
TOLERANCE  
FOR ALCOHOL...

BUT  
YOU  
DON'T?

ACTUALLY, I  
DON'T REALLY  
LIKE MIXERS  
AND DRINKING  
EITHER.

EVEN THOUGH  
I SEEM LIKE  
THE KIND OF  
PERSON  
WHO WOULD...



IF AKKO  
LIKES IT...



THEN...

I WANT  
TO KNOW...  
WHAT  
IT'S  
LIKE...



I DID  
IT...

STRAIGHT  
OUT OF THE  
FRIDGE

SEET  
JUST LIKE  
COFFEE  
WITH MILK,  
RIGHT?

A novel coffee flavor  
has been discovered



AKKO  
LIKES  
THIS...

YEAH!

IT TASTES  
GOOD!

EVEN THOUGH  
IT TASTES  
LIKE ALCOHOL...



WELL IT'S  
BEEN THAT  
WAY SINCE  
I WAS A  
KID, SO  
I'M USED  
TO IT.

BUT DON'T  
YOU GET  
LORELY  
WITH YOUR  
MOM BEING  
AWAY ALL  
THE TIME?

WE DON'T  
GET TO  
TALK MUCH  
SINCE WE  
JUST MAIL  
EACH OTHER  
THOUGH.

AKKO HAS  
A LOW  
TOLERANCE  
FOR ALCOHOL,  
BUT LIKES  
KALUM MILK.

ALSO,  
SHE DOESN'T  
REALLY LIKE  
MIXERS.

I'M LEARNING  
A LOT OF  
NEW THINGS  
ABOUT AKKO!



A MAIL.





THANKS FOR  
HAVING BOTH  
OF US  
TOGETHER!

ALSO

TODAY I  
GOT TO  
RENEW MY  
FRIENDSHIP  
WITH  
SUZU-SAN!



AS I  
THOUGHT,  
AKKO WILL  
DO ANYTHING  
FOR HER  
FRIENDS!

SEE?



SHE'S  
SO  
GREAT!



AKKO...

AKKO?







POKE IT

SHE REALLY  
DOES HAVE  
LONG  
EYELASHES...

HER CHEEKS  
ARE SO  
SMOOTH,  
TOO...

SHE'S...



IF  
ONLY...

SHE MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
SO LONELY  
WHEN SHE  
WAS A  
KID...

ALWAYS  
ALONE  
IN THE  
ROOM...



I COULD STAY  
HERE TOGETHER  
WITH HER...

TOGETHER  
FOREVER

...

HE'D  
BE...

AKKO WOULD  
NEVER BE  
LONELY  
AGAIN...

THAT...

AND  
SOFT...

THAT  
WAY...



EH!?

HM...



I JUST

...

THIS...  
WHAT?

I...

!!

KISSED  
HER!

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BAD!**

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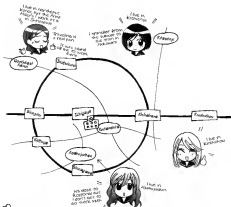
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Once I get on,  
I try to find  
a seat

Then I sit  
down and read  
over the stuff  
we've done in  
class



You burn more  
calories standing  
than sitting, so I  
always stand

And I tighten my  
hand muscles by  
holding the handle





I sleep.

I noticed.





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